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[on the report of the Second Committee (A/45/850)]

45/211. United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on its organizational session, held in New York from 5 to 16 March 1990, 1/

Having considered the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session, held at Nairobi from 6 to 31 August 1990, 2/

1. Reaffirms its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

2. Stresses the fundamental interrelationship between environment and development, and reiterates the need to integrate and keep the balance between the environmental and developmental dimensions during the entire preparatory process and during the Conference, and the need for cross-sectoral issues to be fully integrated into that work;

3. Endorses the decisions contained in the report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on its organizational session; 1/

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 48 (A/44/48).

2/ A/45/46.

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4. Takes note of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session and endorses the decisions contained therein; 3/

5. Decides that the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development shall take place at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 1 to 12 June 1992;

6. Urges that representation at the Conference be at the level of head of State or Government;

7. Invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations to issue invitations to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and observers, in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly;

8. Expresses its appreciation to the Governments that have contributed to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, and invites Governments to contribute urgently and generously to the Fund in order that the operation of the Fund may enable developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, to participate fully and effectively in the Conference and in its preparatory process, in accordance with section II, paragraph 15, of resolution 44/228;

9. Calls upon the United Nations Environment Programme and other organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to continue to give full support to the preparatory process for the Conference and assist the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in the implementation of the work programme, in conformity with resolution 44/228;

10. Requests the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to extend full co-operation to developing countries in order to ensure that appropriate preparations for the forthcoming sessions of the Preparatory Committee are made, in particular in all aspects relating to linkages between environment and development, including the identification of concrete measures and action to ensure that these issues are treated in a balanced and integrated way;

11. Endorses Preparatory Committee decision 1/7 of 29 August 1990 concerning the dates of the second and third sessions of the Preparatory Committee; 3/

12. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development to ensure the timely submission to the Preparatory Committee at its second and third sessions of the reports requested at its first session;

13. Takes note of the provisions of Preparatory Committee decision 1/1 of 14 August 1990 3/ and authorizes the Preparatory Committee, without prejudice to the provisions of resolution 44/228, to continue to apply, for the purpose of the preparatory process, the provisional arrangements agreed upon in that decision

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3/ Ibid., annex I.

concerning the participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process;

14. Reiterates that the Preparatory Committee shall review and assess ongoing negotiating processes in the field of the environment, and invites the forums involved in such processes to report regularly on their activities to the Preparatory Committee at its forthcoming sessions, in accordance with the guidelines and requirements established by the Preparatory Committee.

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